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HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK

Danville.—Dan Halsey, of Lynchburg, orator at the Flag Day exercises held here under the auspices of the Danville Lodge of Elks before leaving for his home, reiterated that he is a candidate for Lieutenant-Governor of Virginia.

Graham.—B. C. Neel, of the county police, was shot and probably mortally wounded while raiding at Tip Top, with a party of officers looking for liquor cars, and Will Brown, farmer, on whose premises the shooting took place, is confined in the Pulaski county jail charged with the shooting.

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Lynchburg.—Edward F. Stanley, of this city, has been elected an honorary member of the Harmonian Literary Society of Emory and Henry College. He recently made an address before the student body. Mr. Stanley's father, the late Gen. Robert S. Sheffey, was a student at Emory and Henry.

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Lynchburg.—Bruce Anderson, Campbell county farm demonstration agent, is conducting a series of experiments in that county for the combating of the damage done to corn alarming way by insects and fungi disease, the work being the use of a combination of nicotine and lime, as has been used successfully in California.

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Lynchburg.—A king snake, thirty inches in length, with two heads, one at either end, and with an ability to use either head forward, was killed on the farm of R. W. Massie, near Lone Jack, by O. S. Lesage, who came to Lynchburg to report the curiosity. Mr. Lesage says he shivved the snake to five other men, all of whom are ready to verify his story.

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Berryville.—Twenty-five signatures, some accompanied by payment of dues for the first year, were secured to an agreement to become members of the newly formed Berryville Chamber of Commerce at a meeting at the courthouse here, and the objective of fifty additional members, or a total of seventy-five, was set to be reached before next June.

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Norfolk.—The value to commerce and industry, particularly in Virginia and in the territory of which Norfolk is center, of the antipollution legislation recently enacted by Congress was stressed by W. McKinnon Lee, State Fish and Game Commissioner, speaking to the Monday Club here. Commissioner Lee also spoke of the regulations of this department for the protection and conservation of the wild life, particularly of birds.

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Fredericksburg.—A. P. Grymes, of New York, has purchased Bailey's Neck farm in King George county, from Marshall P. Grymes. The farm, which is located near Chatterton, contains 124 acres overlooking the Potomac River, and has a frame dwelling of thirteen rooms. The purchase price was $5,500. Bailey Neck has been in the Grymes family for 127 years. A. J. Grymes, a native of King George county, is now a prominent business man in New York.

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Salem.—Charles Zirkle, 40, who has been missing from his home on Back Creek, Roanoke county, for two weeks, was found dead. He was lying across his mother's grave in the Zirkle family burying ground at Caves Springs, five miles out of Salem. The county coroner and sheriff were called to view the body, which was found in a bad state of decomposition. A pistol lying at the side of the dead man's bed and a bullet hole in the right temple told the story of suicide.

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Danville.—The massacre of German carp and suckers in Dan River at Schoolfield last Sunday netted the State treasury $733.35 in fines imposed on seven men who pleaded guilty. They were specifically charged with killing fish "with sticks and snarehooks." About fifteen defendants were not tried either through failing to appear or because they wished witnesses to be present to show that the fish dodged when they struck at them and that blood was not on their hands. Mayor Wooding fined each man tried the minimum amount under the special act of the Legislature, which protects Dan River fish during the spawning season. The open season began Monday.

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Culpeper.—Jury Yates, 63, a prominent farmer living near Culpeper, and his farm assistant, Simon Nash, 18, died en route to a hospital in Charlottesville from injuries received when their automobile turned turtle on the highway near Crooked Run. Both men were pinned underneath the car. They were rushed to Culpeper for medical aid and thence to the hospital. The bodies were brought back to Culpeper on a Southern Railway train and the double funeral was held from Cedar Run Church.

Roanoke.—Six hundred and twenty-three gallons of whiskey and 19,441 gallons of beer were seized and destroyed in May by Federal prohibition agents, operating out of Roanoke, according to the monthly report of J. C. Brown, in charge of the local enforcement office. Twenty complete stills and nineteen partial outfits were also captured and destroyed. Raiding was carried on in five counties adjacent to or near to Roanoke county.

Amherst.—With an enthusiastic appropriation of five to cover is under Hanover county having an individual booth at the Southern Exposition to be held in New York City January 19 to 31, 1925, the Hanover County Farmers' Union gave its support to the project as presented by Nelson Hughes, county president, of Atlee, and Joseph C. Stiles, county farm agent. The meeting was held in the No. 1 schoolhouse and farmers from all over the county were present.

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Fredericksburg.—At a recent meeting of the Carolina School Board the matter of the Chesterfield High School, recently destroyed by fire, was brought up. The board decided to establish a standard elementary school on the site of the original building, and to place the high school at another location in Madison District, at a point convenient to a greater number of patrons. One-half the cost of the new high school is to be paid for by the school board, the remaining part to be furnished by citizens of the district. The maximum to be furnished by the school board is $5,000.

Danville. — Preliminary summaries bearing on receipts and expenses of the city during the last fiscal year, which ended on April 30, have been completed by City Auditor R. P. Moss. The total expenditures during the fiscal year totaled $1,952,283.84. During the previous fiscal year the total expenditures were $1,137,348. The total receipts were slightly higher than in the year 1922-23, and totaled $1,952,168.68. The annual fiscal report will show that few departments exceeded their budgetary provision and that cash relations in other departments will virtually offset the excesses.

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Winchester.—Struggling fiercely with his wife for possession of a razor, which he already had hacked his throat with several times, Basil Milburn, 35, a plant nurseryman, finally succeeded in overpowering Mrs. Milburn, wrenched the weapon from her hand, and cut his throat three or four more times, dying in a few minutes at his home near here. County authorities, to whom Mrs. Milburn related her version of the tragedy as she lay alternately prostrated on a bed, issued a certificate of suicide. Fear that he was losing his mind and voicing a horror of being sent to an insane asylum was ascribed as the reason for Milburn's slashing his throat, his wife told Sheriff Pancake. She said he had recently told her he intended to "end it all," but was undecided whether to cut his throat, use a pistol or take poison. She said he told her he believed he had a shadow on the brain.

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Danville.—Ether injected hypodermically into the body of a 14-months-old infant at Smith's door with whooping cough has had extraordinary beneficial results and, according to the parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Watkins, saved their child's life. The treatment, received in Europe in 1922 by an Italian, was administered probably for the first time in Virginia by Dr. S. Newman, who declines to discuss the case. The parents say that oxygen having failed, they and physicians had despaired of the child's life. As a final resort when a paroxysm of coughing threatened death by strangulation twenty drops of ether was injected into the muscles at the base of the back. It had antispasmodic effect and coughing fits have since become less frequent, also less violent.

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Blackstone.—Dr. Robert C. Williams, for the past three years superintendent of schools of Chesterfield county, was elected vice-president of Blackstone College at a meeting held at the college. The vacancy in the presidency of Blackstone has not yet been filled. The executive committee has been instructed by the board of trustees to make a thorough study of the needs of the college before making a nomination for the position. It is expected that a minister of the Virginia conference will be decided upon. Bishop James Cannon, Jr., is chairman of the executive committee, and George Adams is secretary. Mr. Williams, the new vice-president, is a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute, and has been principal of high schools at Culpeper, Sparta and Chatham. He is a son of Rev. W. T. Williams, of the Virginia conference, and his brother is superintendent of schools of Nansemond county.

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Fredericksburg. — A seven-passenger touring car confiscated in the Corporation Court for illegal transportation of ardent spirits, when sold at public auction here by F. M. Chichester and F. W. Coleman, commissioners, was purchased by W. T. Thompson at the highest bid of $1,825. When captured by officers of this city the handsome car contained sixty gallons of moonshine liquor. The car was sold subject to a lien of $1,600, less costs, the lien being held by the Rawlings Motor Co. of Ashland.

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Will Address Canadians.

John Skelton Williams, former comptroller of the currency, and president of the Richmond Trust Company, left Richmond for Canada, to testify before the banking committee of the Canadian House of Commons in regard to the United States system of bank guarantee of deposits, this according to information received here by the Canadian government is considering the wisdom of changing its banking system to that used in America.

Name Chamblin School Head.

The State Board of Education passed E. Lee Chamblin division superintendent of Brunswick county schools at a meeting held in the office of Harris Hart, State superintendent.

GOVERNOR FAVORS GREAT EXHIBIT

Confers With Head of Commerce Body on Plans

STATE WILL TAKE SPACE

Virginia Program For Southern Show Soon To Take Definite Form—For Permanent Exhibit.

Richmond.—Plans for arranging a great Virginia exhibit for the Southern Exposition, to be held in New York City next February, are expected to take definite forms within the next week or ten days, following a conference between Dr. Joseph L. Smith, of Petersburg, president of the State Chamber of Commerce, and Governor E. Lee Trinkle. Dr. Smith, who is chairman of the exposition committee in Virginia, has informed the Governor that this State must make known her resources for space by June 1. The committee is anxious to have every section of the Old Dominion represented. Individuals who are interested are requested to communicate with the Chamber of Commerce in their community.

Virginia's great port, Hampton Roads, the Valley of Virginia, the Southwest, with its mines, and the centers of population with their great manufactories, all will be represented in the exhibit. J. Scott Parrish, president of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, is in charge of the preparatory work in the section and, as sectional division leaders are: D. B. Ryland, business manager of the Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce; T. P. Thompson, president of the Norfolk Chamber, and W. M. Miller, of the Petersburg Chamber of Commerce.

Governor Trinkle expressed his keen interest in the plans for the exposition. "I would like for Virginia to join with the other Southern States in maintaining a permanent exhibit in New York," he said, "and I hope that the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce will use its influence not only in having Virginia properly represented at the exposition next February, but in the establishment and maintenance of a permanent Southern exposition in New York."

To Mark Scenes Of Great Battles.

The commission named by Governor Trinkle on the placing of markers on the battlefields in Virginia is organized and will soon enter on its work. The bill creating the commission was passed at the session of the Legislature two years ago, and the women composing this have elected Mrs. W. Wade as chairman. The State has made an appropriation to the board having charge of the placing of markers on the battlefields around Richmond.

It was explained that the idea and purpose of the law was to have the markers of an artistic design, and to have them uniform for all the various points at which they will be placed.

It is expected that Mrs. Wade will call a meeting of the board at an early date. The following are members of the Commission: Mrs. Sale, Tuckahoe, chairman, representing the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities; Mrs. William Ruffin Cox, Richmond, representing the Colonial Dames; Mrs. W. C. N. Merchant, Chatham, representing the Daughter of 1812; Miss Anne Emerson, Portsmouth, representing the Daughters of the American Revolution, and Mrs. H. F. Lewis, of Bristol, representing the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Mabel Cody Flyers Return For Fair.

Mabel Cody, aerial performer of last year's Virginia State Fair, will appear this year in a repertoire of new and unusual flying acts, according to announcement made by W. Conway Saunders, manager of the fair. Miss Cody was booked Tuesday. She left immediately with her manager for New York City, where she is filming "Shylock" for Pathe.

The contract calls for a number of performances of Miss Cody, "Flying Farmer McGuffin," Russ Simon, Lieutenant Barney Rose and others. Miss Cody will change planes and do a number of other stunts at the 1924 State Fair.

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Lesson for June 29

REVIEW—REHOBOAM TO NEHEMIAH

GOLDEN TEXT—"Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people."—Prov. 14:34.

PRIMARY TOPIC—Selected Stories of the Quarter.

JUNIOR TOPIC—Main Events of the Quarter.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Chief Persons of the Quarter.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—From Rehoboam to Nehemiah.

Three methods of review are suggested:

I. Modern Application of the Outstanding Teachings of the Quarter's Lessons.

For adult classes qualified members may be asked a week ahead to present the teachings of the quarter along the following lines:

1. Patriotism. It should be pointed out how the nation suffered and was utterly ruined because of the lack of patriotism.

2. The need of real education. Because the people were not taught about God they went into idolatry. The real need of the nations of the world today is to be taught about God.

3. Evils which affect society, such as unwise industry, intemperance, the occult, necromancy, etc.

II. Biographical.

This method is always interesting and can be adapted to all grades. The most outstanding men in the history of Israel and Judah appeared in this quarter's lessons, namely, Rehoboam, Jeroboam, Abab, Elijah, Elisha, Amos, Hosea, Athaliah, Hezekiah, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Nehemiah, etc. These can be assigned to different members of the class the previous week to present the outstanding lessons associated with such character.

III. The Summary Method.

This means pointing out the central teaching of each lesson. The following suggestions to that end are offered:

Lesson 1. The kingdom so gloriously administered in David's time reached its climax under Solomon, but because his heart was turned from God through the influence of his heathen wives God determined that the kingdom would be rent from him. Rehoboam's wicked stupidity in turning from the counsel of experienced men cause d the work of two generations to be undone in a moment.

Lesson 2. Elijah's struggle with Baal proves that the Lord is the true God and that because He does respond when called upon in sincerity He alone is entitled to be worshiped.

Lesson 3. The proof that Elisha was chosen by God to succeed Elijah was but his anointing of the Spirit was discernible by the sons of the prophets and that he did similar and even greater works than Elijah.

Lesson 4. Those who give themselves up to the practice of sin will ultimately come to ruin. The wages of sin is death.

Lesson 5. Israel went into exile because of her sins, according to God's word contained in Amos. God's word cannot fail.

Lesson 6. In spite of Athaliah's wicked purpose to destroy the seed royal, Joash of Messiah's line was preserved and elevated to the throne. No purpose of God can eventually fail.

Lesson 7. Hezekiah, who threatened by the Assyrians, resorted to God's house and sought the prophet of God. God's house is the sure resort of His people when in distress and his ministers are best qualified to give help.

Lesson 8. Because Jeremiah faithfully delivered God's word, God delivered him from his enemies.

Lesson 9. Judah, like Israel, went into captivity because of her sins. God never forgets the faithful ones nor fails to punish the wicked.

Lesson 10. Though Israel's leaders failed, and their failure involved the nation in ruin, the Good Shepherd will eventually come and deliver them and exalt them to their proper place among the nations.

Lesson 11. When the period of the captivity was fulfilled God caused a remnant to return. God never forgets. He can even move the heart of a heathen king to fulfill His purpose.

Lesson 12. Through the reading of God's Word the people were revived and they put away their sins. The only way to bring a revival in righteous living is to bring the people to know God.

Rejecting the Truth

Has God predestinated some to be lost? Certainly not. There is no such thought in Scripture. The reason why some perish is their own deliberate rejection of the truth. "Because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved."

God Will Not Accept

God will not accept the oily words of new thought for the sacrifice and atonement of Christ.—The Living Word.

The Controversy

A controversy with one who preaches the word of God, is with God—not the preacher.—The Living Word.

Christian Life

The Christian life is not knowing or hearing, but doing.—F. W. Robertson.

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VERA

The harvest is on with a rush—a great deal of wheat in this section has not been cut.

The heavy storm Sunday blew down and saturated cut wheat and mown grass that had not been hauled in, damaging both to some extent. On the other hand it was just what the farmers needed as the land had gotten so dry that they could not work their tobacco satisfactory.

We understand that the wireworms are ravishing the newly planted tobacco.

The road machine has been along and touched up the roads somewhat; they are nothing to brag on at that.

We understand that the school wagon will be run from this section to Liberty Chapel this year, this is as it should be; as there has been no wagon on this route for several years, while other schools of this section have had the advantage. We were under the impression that Liberty Chapel was to have its full quota of teachers (four) this year; such is so far only two have been selected.

There is an abundance of cherries this year and they are dead ripe now, raspberries and huckleberries just beginning to ripen.

The lawn party at Vera, Saturday night, was a success, judging from the number of people from this section who attended.

The baptism at Ben Creek and the lecture at Appomattox by A. B. Dabney — both were a watery reception—Jupiter Pluvius was right on the job.

Workmen on Mr. Nuttycombe's new bungalow had to quit work for want of material—the farmers are so busy saving their crops they have no time to work at the saw mill now, consequently the builders have to suffer.

It is our sad duty to record the death of Mrs. Ella Powell Fillow. She was taken to a Lynchburg hospital where she died on the 21st. She leaves a husband and two small children. The community extends tenderest sympathy.

Mrs. "Buck" Trent has been quite sick—We trust she will soon be well again.

Mr. and Mrs. Dabney Anderson motored to Six Mile Bridge, Sunday the 22nd, and spent the day with relatives.

R. H. Moore of Danville, is visiting his daugeter, Mrs. J. S. Kinney.

S. T. Megginson Sr., Ben Megginson, Clarence and Benny Beale motored to Lynchburg and spent the week-end with Mr. Megginson's daughter, Mrs. T. H. Marks, and family.

Robert Carner of Bedford, will leave about July 1st, for Spain, where he will teach English in the University of Madrid. He recently graduated from the University of Virginia, with M. A. degree and he specialized in romance languages while there; and will continue the study of Spanish at University of Madrid. Mr. Carner has friends here where he has visited his mother, Mrs. Daisey Bell. He taught last year at the University and considering his age, 22 years, we feel his appointment to the University of Madrid is quite a "feather in his cap".

ROCKS NEWS

Farmers are busy planting tobacco.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Ranson, Miss Gertrude Ranson and D. W. Dinkins had a very enjoyable trip to Norfolk last week.

Robert Almond, Wylie Dickerson, Willie Hamilton and Herman Marsh of Lynchburg, are spending their vacation at home.

Mrs. Roy Moore and little son, and Mrs. Ned Almond and daughter, of W. Va., are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Anderson.

J. N. Dickerson has purchased a new binder.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Garrett and children are visiting relatives in Norfolk and Richmond.

Miss Rosa Cawthorn and Mr. Bascome Price were married at the home of the bride Saturday.

Mrs. George Thomas is ill.

FOREST VIEW

My! what hot weather.

Right much sickness about.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Shields and two sons, Junior and Bobbie, and Mrs. Ida Driskill motored from Birmingham, Alabama, and spent a few days in the home of R. W. Martin, they are now on a trip to relatives and friends in Accomac Co., to spend a few days and then they will return to their home.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Martin and two children, Dorothy and Purdum, motored from Yorktown, Va., last week and are on a visit to the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Martin.

Mrs. L. Laughlin and little daughter, Hilda, have returned to their home in Lynchburg, after spending several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Ford.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Martin and children and Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Martin spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Simms.

Mrs. P. A. Martin spent last Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Wooldridge.

In Memoriam

In sad, but loving remembrance of my dear wife, Berta Anna Beale, who died two years ago May 22, 1922.

Two years have passed dear Berta since you left us, but you live and forgotten by those who loved you best; we cannot forget you dearest; God only knows our loss since you have passed away. The day when thou didst leave us! how our heart did ache with pain; we hope someday to meet you where we shall never part again.

HUSBAND AND CHILDREN.

Summer Hints for Young Mothers

Acute Indigestion

Is A Food Problem

It is hard on a child to suffer indigestion in summer.

Usually there is fever and vomiting, apt to be very prostrating.

One way to prevent such attacks is for them to it that the child does not eat heavily when overtired.

Often the trouble may be traced to improper food, which should be strengthened, not weakened.

As for treatment, do not forget that in indigestion, the organs have great opportunity for the bowel is full of undigested food.

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Lesson for July 6

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

LESSON TEXT—Luke 2:7-20.

GOLDEN TEXT—"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior which is Christ the Lord."—Luke 2:11.

PRIMARY TOPIC—The Baby Jesus.

JUNIOR TOPIC—What the Shepherds Saw and Heard.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—The Coming of Jesus Prophesied in the World's History.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Great Hopes Centered in the Birth of Jesus.

3. Jesus' Birth Foretold (Micah 5:2). This prediction was made some 700 years before, and was fulfilled because God's decree of taxation just in time to cause Mary to be at Bethlehem.

II. Jesus' Birth Announced to Mary and Joseph (Luke 1:30-35).

The mighty archangel Gabriel was sent from the little town of Nazareth to Mary, a Jewish maiden, who was betrothed to a carpenter of that village in Galilee, and announced to her that she should give birth to a child and that this son should not be Joseph's son but should be the Son of God. Gabriel added that the child should be called Jesus, which means that Jehovah will save His people from their sins (Matt. 1:21).

III. The Prediction Fulfilled (v. 7).

This took place at a most propitious time. The Jews were under the power of the Romans. Not only did the birth of Christ come when all systems of religion and morality were tottering upon their foundations but at a time most suitable for the introduction of the Gospel. The whole world being under one rule made it possible for Christ's ministers to go from city to city and country to country unmolested. The almighty rules in the whole universe and is never behind in His administration.

The surroundings of Christ at His birth were of a humble sort. The Eternal God condescended to be incorporated with humanity—to be born in a manger, to be the poorest of the poor. He might be blindered by no man.

IV. Christ's Birth Announced (vv. 8-14).

1. By Whom? The first Gospel sermon was preached by an angel of the Lord. Thus we see that the exalted ministers of God were interested in men and had part in the announcement of God's plan of salvation.

2. To Whom? His birth was announced to the shepherds who were keeping watch over their flocks by night. The fact that the glorious Gospel message was first sounded forth to them shows that poverty is no barrier to its reception. God does not reveal Himself primarily to the princes and great men of the earth, but often uses outcasts from such and discloses to the poor. (James 2:5).

3. The Nature of the Message. It was good tidings of great joy. It was good tidings because the darkness of heathen ignorance had so long covered the earth, was beginning to vanish. The coming out of Satan, the prince of this world, was about to take place. Liberty was soon to be proclaimed to those who were in bondage. The way of salvation was to be open to all. No longer was the knowledge of God to be confined to the Jews, but offered to the whole world. Glorious news this. So glorious that a multitude of the heavenly host accompanied this announcement with their song of praise. Thus we see that the first Gospel sermon was in the open air. The minister was the angel of God, the choir were the angels, the audience made up of humble shepherds.

V. The Shepherds Investigating (vv. 15, 16).

They did not stop to argue or raise questions, though these things were no doubt passing strange to them. They went immediately to Bethlehem, there they made an investigation and found everything just as represented. They had the privilege of first gazing upon the world's Savior, the very God of glory. They returned with gratitude in their hearts, praising God for all these wonderful things which he had revealed unto them.

VI. The Shepherds Witnessing (vv. 17-20).

They found things as announced. Then they beheld the Lord of glory. They could not remain silent. Therefore, they went back praising God. Those who really hear the Gospel message cannot be silent. If they really hear they must tell it out to others.

Our Needs

The needs for the present are more important to most people than the need and preparation for eternity.—The Living Word.

No Worth With God

Works of the flesh are of no worth with God, because the "flesh profit eth nothing."—The Living Word.

The Grace of God

The grace of God is not the basis of sinning.—The Living Word.

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The Culinary Art

Movies at home! And you can make them yourselves. Some evening (when mother lets you sit up late) and you have lots of boys and girls in the neighborhood, get out the piano and banjo, put a strong light, big candles or a lamp will do if you haven't gas or electricity.

Now, divide the children into two groups, and let one side be the "audience" and the other the "movies." The actors go behind the "big sheet" and stand between it and the light. They can make all sorts of funny motions or even make up a little play, and their shadows on the sheet will look like regular movies to the little audience out in front. After they have done all of their stunts let the "audience" take a turn at being the "movies" while the others are amused. You can even invite the "grown-ups" to be the audience!

Sugar Soaps for Little Chaps!

Here's a little dainty that's good to nibble when you want just a wee bite of something sweet. Sugar soaps are so easy to make that I'm sure big sister would be glad to make them for you. Ask her to make them this way:

2 cups butter
2 cups sugar
4 cups self-rising flour.
1 egg.

The mixture should be chilled before the dough is rolled out. Roll thin. The oven should be quick, but not too hot. Bake about ten minutes.

Do you remember in your Mother Goose Nursery Rhymes "There are you going to my pretty maid?" "I am going a-milking, sir, she said, sir, she said, sir, I am going a-milking, sir." Then the boys line up on one side and the girls on the other and the girl at the head of the line stares down between the rows. The boy opposite her sings "Shall I come with you my pretty maid?" The girl answers "Yes, sir, I'm going a-milking, sir." Then he says, "May I go with you?" and she replies "Yes, if you can catch me!" and with that she is off like a shot. She runs around the line of girls and he runs around the line of boys, and the game is on! The girls are between the rows. After she is caught they must take their places at the foot of the line and the next couple at the head start the game over again.

"Dainty Digits."

There are something like 7,000 Fingers and you'll like them over so much "cause they look just like your own little fingers (That's what "digits" means). They are easy to make when this recipe is followed:

½ cup sugar
¼ cup butter
1 egg.
½ cup milk.
1 tsp. vanilla.
2 cups self-rising flour.

Cream butter and sugar, add egg well beaten, milk, vanilla and self-rising flour. Mix well and toss on floured board. Roll out about half inch thickness and cut in strips about four inches long, roll in sugar and bake in hot oven 8 to 10 minutes.

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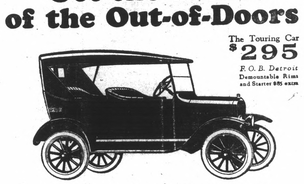

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